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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Examiner: Jason D. Prone :  
Group Art Unit 3724 :  
In re Application of: : BANDSAW BLADE WITH  
WILLIAM GEORGE ALTON : CUTTING EXTENSION  
Serial No. 10/008,820 : Attorney Docket No. 287108-00001  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

December 8, 2004

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This response is being filed in response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2004 the time for response being before February 4, 2005.

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The undersigned appreciates the courtesy and helpfulness of the Examiner in telephone conversations of November 9, 2004.